

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MARCH 6, 2007

The Hall County Board of Supervisors met March 6, 2007, by published call in the county board meeting room, 121 South Pine, Grand Island.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Arnold.

INVOCATION - Invocation was given by Sheri Lodel with Calvary Lutheran Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was given in unison.

ROLL CALL - Present on roll call were, Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster, Robert Rye and Daniel Wagoner. Also present was a representative from the Grand Island Independent and Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham.

Notice of open meeting law – Chairman Arnold read the notice of the open meeting law.

Consent Agenda – Lancaster made the motion and Humiston seconded to approve following by consent agenda.

1. Place on file the minutes of the February 20, 2007 meeting.
2. 5b Approve stop sign resolution for Webb Road and Prairie Road
3. 5d Approve and set bid opening for annual gravel contracts April 3, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. bids received on or before April 2, 2007 until 5:00 p.m.
4. 6a. and 6 b. table until the April 3, 2007 meeting regarding Equalization hearing dates and referee hearing dates.
5. 16a. Commence audit of bi weekly pay claims and action on claim audit
6. 16b Approve early claim for 911 fund in the amount of \$44,436.00
7. 16c Approve early claim for purchase of dump truck for Public Works Department
8. 23 Accept and place on file office reports for Hall County Attorney Statistical Report Hall & Howard County Juvenile Diversion, Hall County Sheriff, Hall County Court, Clerk of the District Court.
9. 24. Place on file the Hall County Treasurer's Miscellaneous Receipts.
10. 25 Accept and place on file communications as received

Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion Carried.

OFFICE REPORT COUNTY COURT February 2007

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| FINES (CO.) | \$ 70,372.39 |
| OVERLOAD FINES | 250.00 |
| REIMBURSE SHERIFF FEES | 3,921.59 |
| WORK RELEASE FEES | 1,405.00 |
| REIMBURSE FAX COPIES | 9.00 |
| FINES (CITY) | 11,986.04 |
| REIMBURSE WITNESS FEES | 1,352.66 |
| BOND FORFEITURES | 1,043.84 |
| REIMBURSE CO. FEES | 449.25 |
| TOTAL | \$ 90,789.77 |

HALL COUNTY ATTORNEY MONTHLY STATISTICS

February 28, 2007

| <u>CATEGORY</u> | <u>SUB-CATEGORY</u> | <u>MONTHLY TOTAL</u> | <u>YEAR TO DATE</u> |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| | All Cases Received | 410 | 771 |
| | Declined Prosecution | 25 | 61 |
| CRIMINAL & CHECKS | Felony - Opened | 86 | 154 |
| | Misdemeanor - Opened | 226 | 429 |
| | Total Closed | 339 | 861 |
| | Juvenile Felony - Opened | 3 | 7 |
| | Juvenile Misdemeanor - Opened | 31 | 49 |
| | Total Closed | 38 | 84 |
| | Revocations - Opened | 24 | 46 |
| | Status Offenders (b) - Opened | 3 | 6 |
| | Dependency, Abuse, Neglect (a) - Opened | 6 | 12 |
| | Closed | 7 | 25 |
| TRAFFIC | STOP CLASS | 26 | 31 |
| | NPF | 41 | 106 |
| | Citations | 288 | 572 |
| | Bench Warrants | 8 | 13 |
| | Trials | 24 | 57 |
| | DECLINES | 16 | 37 |
| | Motion to Forfeit | 2 | 11 |
| | Waivers | 53 | 105 |
| MENTALS | Petitions | 8 | 15 |
| | Incidents | 7 | 10 |
| | SOCA | 0 | 0 |
| CHILD SUPPORT | ADC | 18 | 39 |
| | ADC - Paternity | 10 | 19 |
| | Non-ADC | 2 | 9 |
| | Non-ADC Paternity | 1 | 6 |
| CIVIL | Tort Claims | | 0 |

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| Coroner Calls | 5 | 10 |
| Foreclosures | | 0 |
| Tax Appeals | | 0 |
| Worker Compensation Claims | | 0 |

OFFICE REPORT
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
February 2007

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| COURT COSTS | \$ 4,842.87 |
| 10% BOND | 650.00 |
| FINES | 1,589.72 |
| PHOTO COPIES | 258.50 |
| FAX FEES | 26.00 |
| INTEREST | 1,192.82 |
| BOARD OF PRISIONERS | 2,134.66 |
| BOND FORFEITURE | 900.00 |
| PASSPORT PROCESSING FEE | 6720.00 |
| POSTAGE/FAX FEES | 55.25 |

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY SHERIFF
February 2007

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| TOTAL FEES MILEAGE & MISC | \$ 17,454.79 |
| HANDGUN APPLICATIONS | 95.00 |
| TITLE INSPECTIONS | 1,770.00 |
| COPIES | 33.00 |

OFFICE REPORT
HALL COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
February 2007

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| JUVENILE REFERRALS | 32 JUVENILES |
| JUVENILE OFFENDERS | 1 JUVENILE |
| JUVENILE HOUSE ARREST | 1 JUVENILES |
| TOTAL UNDER SUPERVISION | 247 JUVENILES |
| FEES COLLECTED | \$1,066.00 |

OFFICE REPORT
HOWARD COUNTY JUVENILE SERVICES
February 2007

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| JUVENILE REFERRALS | 1 JUVENILES |
| TOTAL JUVENILE ENROLLEES | 10 JUVENILES |
| FEES COLLECTED FOR MONTH | \$100.00 |
| TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FISCAL YEAR | \$1,900.00 |

2B - Deputy County Attorney Michelle Oldham informed the board of her legal opinion to sell the real estate known as Children's Village. Oldham said that the property could be sold when using the following steps. First the County would need to get an appraisal. Second, hold a public hearing for discussion of the sale of the property. Third, then hold a public sale for the property. Jeffries asked if the sale would be by sealed bids or public sale, Oldham stated that it was a public sale, such as a sheriff sale is conducted. The property has to be sold at fair market value. Arnold asked if the property could be listed, and Michelle said that her opinion that it has to be a public sale. Arnold further asked how it will be advertised. Oldham stated that it will be advertised in a legal advertisement and there may also be market advertising for the property. Lancaster commented that the Board was just trying to obtain information and legal opinions in advance, if and only if the county wants to sell the property.

2A - Lancaster made the motion and it was seconded by Erikson to close the public meeting and enter into an executive session for the discussion of settlement offer on a terc case. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Lancaster and seconded by Wagoner to return to regular session. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion Carried.

3- Chairman Arnold asked if any one from the public would like to address the Board at this time, they were reminded that the Board could not take action on non agenda items Mike Olson from the Central Nebraska Airport Authority gave a magazine article to the Board on the local airport that featured the airport ribbon cutting ceremony. He informed the Board that traffic count is up and making headway with challenges within the airlines. Hopeful to get things turned around and get feedback from the public the airport is hoping to increase numbers and services. Arnold asked if any of the service and destination directions caused any problems. It was stated due to public opinion that the majority of the customers wanted to go east. After review the department of transportation cancelled the West direction flights. The airport is working through the challenges that have been presented to the airport. Mike Olson conclude his presentation by stated that on May 19th and 20th there will be an armed forces appreciation weekend at the airport. The airports way of saying thanks to the armed forces. Erikson informed the Board that last week the Airport Board received a partnership award for the services they provide.

7- Computer Committee made the recommendation for decals on county vehicles. Humiston distributed copies of what the emblems for the vehicles would look like. Mr. Drudik IT Director and members of the Computer Committee stated that the estimated cost of the emblem to be printed on the vehicles would be approximately fifty dollars per vehicle with ten vehicle minimum. The cost would be less if more vehicles would have the emblem printed on the vehicles. The actual size of the logo would be in proportion to the size of the vehicle door.

Lancaster stated the emblem and lettering would be easy to read and clarify that the vehicle is property of the County. All departments that have vehicles were contacted and asked for the exact number of vehicles in their department that would require the emblem. The Public Works does not want to change their logo and wants to retain their

current logo. The Computer Committee has not received notice from the Weed Department. It was discussed that the Corrections Department for safety reasons would not have transport vehicles marked. Lancaster noted that there are eight pickups and one dump truck for the Parks Department, one vehicle for the Assessor Department. The Building Inspector has one vehicle. The question was asked does the Board want to work with or form a committee to discuss the use of decal any further. Jeffries asked does the County assume that all county vehicles will have decals on them including Sheriff Vehicles. Arnold stated that certain vehicles should be and must be exempt for decals. Deputy Attorney Michelle Oldham reminded the Board that it is up to the official to make the final decision. Eriksen wanted to remind Board members to look at not only the decal for current, but future vehicles also. Wagoner also had concerns about additional add on cost. He wanted to know just how much more expense the decals would be every year. Drudik could not give a projected cost, as he was not instructed to estimate projected cost only what the current expense would be.

Lancaster wants the committee to work with the various departments. She reminded the board that we need to be uniformed as county vehicles. Lancaster recommends following the committee recommendation.

9:55 a.m.

5- Humiston called to open for a public hearing for the 1 & 6 program the motion was seconded by Eriksen. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion Carried.

Casey Sherlock, County Surveyor presented the Board his committee recommendation for the 1-6 road programs. He noted that the Regional Planning Committee asked that the plans be amended and that one mile of South Locust be paved. The Public Works Committee does not want to change the plan and not follow the Planning Committee recommendation of paving the one mile of South Locust.

C40 (121) project 4.0 miles C40 (344) replace a bridge on Airport Road with a new concert slab, Asphalt and I-beam Bridge. .5 mile C40 (351) replace 10'x16' wood bridge with Triple 90"x50' corrugated metal pipes. Eriksen asked how is the final size determined on size of culver to be installed with corrugated pipes not a bridge or cement culvert, Sherlock explained the determining factors. C40 (346) grading of Wood River Road to a farm to market transportation road for better and safer standards. Arnold asked are these roads are requiring more upgrade and maintaining. Basically a complete reconstruction replied Sherlock. Jeffries noted that last fall that the Board received phone calls for road repair problems. That the conditions of maintaining roads are becoming a priority for the County. We are going to need to spend money to maintain our roads. Wagoner question repair and maintaince on C40 (346) that starts south of the new ethanol plant near Wood River. Expenses to the County where the city jurisdiction leaves off. Wagoner, would like to tie this project in with the state overpass project for Wood River, he would like to see additional information from the state before expanding on this project.

C40 (350) grading 2.05 miles

C40 (348) grading 1.25 miles

C40 (356) grading .75 mile

C40 (347) grading 2 miles

C40 (345) grading 1 mile

C40 (349) grading 1 mile

C40 (355) grading, pony truss bridge, bridge to be removed by County and the box is to be built under Central Platte Natural Resources District. .25 mile

Concluding the one year plan, Sherlock stated that his six year plan is different from last year. Current financial status plan on paving new miles of road are not feasible at this time. If a need arise for paving a road that necessity can be addressed at this time. Jeffries talked of a problem in the Kuester Lake Subdivision and at the end of each road there is a cul-de-sac which creates a problem with water. Jeffries noted that you just can't run water to the west in this area without problems. The water is destroying the cul-de-sac road surfaces and something needs to be done. The cost for each cul-de-sac is approximately \$50,000.00, something need to be done about the drainage age in the Saddle Club Subdivision. This sits in the county and not the city so we are responsible for the drainage of this road at the subdivision. It falls under the city's two mile jurisdiction, but do we have any type of say. Sherlock noted that the asphalt has totally broken apart the asphalt will need to be totally removed and yes, there will be road problems if upkeep is not maintained. Eriksen noted that this discussion is an eye opener for future problems and what road construction needs we must meet. Wagoner asked Sherlock who has the legal liability, and who needs to pay for these expenses. Eriksen, stated that we first need to determine who's road are who's are the city or the county. Arnold invited the public to address the road projects that had been listed. John Amick of 110 W. Plum Street, Doniphan, NE., reminded the Board of the county road cost and subdivision cost that was handled in the development of Amick Acres. That the cost was paid by the homeowners on dedicated county road. He thinks that other development should be treated alike, for all current and future subdivision and the cost for all should be the same. The planning division wants to redirect the funds to the South Locust project to Doniphan for economic development within the county. Amick believes that the growth for Hall County will be to the south between Doniphan and Hastings. The county road dollars per the budget are being reduced, you need to review you budget and the capital budget and to finance and improve the roads and make plans in the budget for the future, find sources of funding for the needs of the county. Amick mentioned maybe small projects with in the township expense to stretch the county dollars. State highway dollars are committed for the next 20 years, a source of county funds Inheritance tax fund was used for the road and now that money is going to the event center and doubts if the funds will be retuned to the public works, if you pave it there will be development is Mr. Amick's theory. He wanted the board to know that they can not continue to whittle down the road budget. There are sources to be had. South locust road need to be addressed now not with in a 6 or 15 or 20 year period but with in a short period. Jeffries correct Amick on the fact that the city paid for their cost of Schimmer Dr. the inheritance fund was not used. Keno funds were used for the event center not the inheritance fund and it was federal funding not state funding for the road projects that were discussed.

Don Prindel Superintendent of Doniphan Trumbull schools, He stated that because of the heavy traffic on US Hwy 281 it is a great concern for parents to let their students travel that particular highway. Students with minimal driving experience are using the South Locust road and traveling on the gravel portion of it in stead of traveling on 281. A bus route also extends down the South Locust route and the soft shoulders are a concern. There is a concern anytime you drive a bus on poor roads. Paving would improve the quality of road conditions to drive on. Maybe it is time to look for additional revenue for supplying the funds necessary to pave this section of county road.

Richard Hartman 5075 South Locust St., Grand Island, NE., reminding that the county boards have agreed in the past to take care of these cul-de-sacs. The county has pretty much taken over the townships so there are no township board to call upon, Our mistakes in the use of road dollars are coming back to haunt us. Maybe money should be put on the road instead of other places.

Lancaster asked for a clarification and wanted to know if federal funds were available to maintain roads.

Sherlock said that the federal funds were only for the development and improvement of new roads. Arnold wanted to know if it would be available to a south locust project. Mr. Sherlock told the board that the state determines how the funds are distributed for different projects. County credit is based on certain criteria. Hall County's credit is 3.9 million in the hole. He told the boards don't plan to be approved for federal help for 10-15 yrs. Federal reimbursement is for material, not for wages explained Sherlock.

Lancaster stated that no one truly understood how the system worked. We are short of funds and the projects being addressed need attention.

Jeffries stated that he is a member of the committee, he asked the other committee members to speak up, that he alone did not decide to not pave South Locust. Wagoner asked how critical was the replacement of the bridge on Airport Road and were there any other projects that could be delayed until a later date and appropriated those dollars to finishing South Locust.

Sherlock explained that the decking is deteriorating on the support beams, but the decking must be replaced for safety. On one other project the piling is rotting and he feels that the bridge should be replaced first. It was asked if there was any extra money with the NRD project and the answer was no.

Arnold noted that the school traffic that comes from Trumbull can use US Hwy 281. He noted that we are talking about one road between Hall and Adams County and what do we need to consider: is it traffic count, is it a safety issue, Arnold feels that the answer to that is no because there is a paved road between Trumbull and Doniphan. Arnold feels that the Public Works committee has done a good job in reviewing the cost for roads and maintaining the road within the county and he feels that there are more important projects than paving the remaining miles of South Locust in Hall County.

Wagoner did not agree with Arnold, that the school kids were too inexperienced to drive on Hwy 281. Slower roads and off the beaten path is a better road for kids to drive on instead of the fast pace traffic that exist on 281.

Lancaster made a motion and it was seconded by Wagoner to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion Carried.

11:00 Break

11:14 Return to session

7- The board resumed and addressed that topic of decals on county vehicles. Lancaster made a motion and it was seconded by Humiston to meet with each individual department with a vehicle or vehicles, and find out their opinion of the decals for the vehicle for their particular department, and then return with a recommendation regarding the use of decals. Six voted yes and one was absent to vote. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner voted all voted yes. Jeffries was absent from the meeting to vote. Motion Carried.

8- Eriksen wanted to know if the Board wanted to postpone until the next board meeting discussion and possible action on legislative bills. The Board decided to discuss the particularly Bill LB587 which would remove a statutory cap on 3.9 million to fund the County Jail Reimbursement Program. Lancaster also wanted the members of the Board to look at the list of legislative bills shown on item number eight as general information of interest. Wagoner talked about LB587 and also a bill that would make an inmate pay for their over the counter medications. Arnold said that there is a transfer of cost from the state to the counties and the impact of the people that it affects. The taxes payers are not aware when the county does not receive funds from the state only when there taxes are increase to cover the necessary cost incurred by the county to continue the projects. Eriksen made the motion to send a letter to our state senators and it was seconded by Wagoner LB587. All voted yes no one voted against. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion Carried.

5A- Jeffries made a motion to approve the 1 & 6 road plan as presented by Casey Sherlock, It was seconded by Eriksen. Six voted yes and one voted against. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye voted yes and Wagoner voted no. Motion Carried.

Chairman Arnold asked if there were any Board Reports.

Eriksen along with Wagoner had attended a meeting with Senator Dubas on Saturday

Wagoner had attended Central Nebraska Community Services in Loup City

Motion was made by Lancaster and seconded by Rye to leave the regular session and enter into the Board of Corrections session. Arnold, Eriksen, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster, Rye and Wagoner all voted yes and none voted no. Motion Carried.

11:55 a.m. return to regular session from Board of Corrections

Howard Hassett addressed the board regarding the demolition of the duplex building. It appears that there is only one bid to demolish the duplex, there was a meeting held per the instructions in the bid proposal and only one firm showed up for the meeting regarding the demolition of the duplex. Mr. Hassett wanted to know if any of the Board Members would like to tour Children's Village today. It was decided that a committee of four would toured the property.

Meeting is adjourned 12:05 p.m. The next meeting will be March 20, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Pamela J. Dubbs, Deputy County Clerk